GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3712
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2004
UPGRADATION PLAN
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways has mooted Rs.24,000 crore upgradation plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to adhere to the time schedule for completion of such works?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3712 BY SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL & SHRIMATI JAYABEN B. THAKKAR T O B E ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.12.2004 REGARDING UPGRADATION PLAN

(a): No, Sir. However, the Railways has formulated an Integrated Railway Modernisation Plan (IRMP) involving expenditure of Rs.24,000 Crore.

(b) & (c): Integrated Railways Modernisation Plan (IRMP) has been formulated for 2005-2010 identifying activities with definite time frame for implementation. It has got 3 segments, the details of which are as under:

Passenger Business Segment: It envisages running of 150 kilometre per Hour speed (KMPH) trains on New Delhi-Chennai and New Delhi-Howrah route, increased induction of latest technology coaches in all Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains, expansion of Passenger Reservation System (PRS) and Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) across the country, Environment Friendly toilets in coaches, Improved Safety features in coaches in terms of its crashworthiness and fire retarding features.

Freight Business Segment: It envisages running of freight trains at 100 Kmph on Golden Quadrilateral and its diagonals, Introduction of Higher Axle Load, Double Stack Containers and Roll- on-Roll-Off wagons on the identified routes, Introduction of light weight and corrosion resistant steel and aluminum wagons, Extension of Freight Operations Management System to cover Terminal, Rake and Crew Management System, Completion of works identified under National Rail Vikas Yojana along with some other Throughput Enhancement works etc.

Other Modernisation Initiatives: This includes Track Modernisation and its maintenance practices, Modernisation of Bridge Management System, Signalling and Telecommunication System, Mechanical and Electrical System and the Disaster Management System.

Total Expenditure envisaged for execution of the identified items in the IRMP is about Rs.24,000 Crore. Allocation of resources, out of total availability of funds every year, will be made to the works already identified in the Modernisation Plan.